



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 8/25/2026

REQUESTER: Paul D'Andrea, Capital Projects Engineer

PRESENTER: Scott Sturtz, Interim Director of Public Works

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF CONTRACT K-2627-45: BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORMAN AND COWAN GROUP ENGINEERING, L.L.C., FOR DESIGN ENGINEERING OF THE 48TH AVENUE NW PHASE 2 PROJECT – ROCK CREEK ROAD TO TECUMSEH ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$503,750 FOR THE 2019 BOND PROJECT. (WARD 3, WARD 8)

BACKGROUND:

On April 2, 2019, the citizens of Norman voted in favor of a \$72 million transportation bond issue, which includes nineteen (19) projects. With the anticipated \$67 million in federal dollars being leveraged for these projects, approximately \$139 million is budgeted for the nineteen (19) projects. Please see the attached project list and map showing the approved projects.

On August 19, 2019, City staff advertised Request for Proposal RFP 1920-16 to solicit Consulting Engineering Services for the fourteen (14) bond projects still requiring design. The selection committee consisting of three (3) City staff and two (2) citizens shortlisted nine (9) consultant teams for interviews held on October 2, 2019. The five (5) consultant teams selected after interviews to complete the design on these projects are:

- Garver, Norman
- Cowan Group Engineering LLC, Oklahoma City
- Freese and Nichols, Oklahoma City
- MacArthur Associated Consultants, Oklahoma City
- Olsson Associates, Oklahoma City

These consultants are being assigned the various projects by City staff based on capacity, performance on their current projects and capabilities of their firm to complete a specific project.

Tonight's agenda item is to award the design engineering services contract for the 48th Avenue NW Phase 2 Project – Rock Creek Road to Tecumseh Road to Cowan Group Engineering of Oklahoma City in the amount of \$503,750.00

DISCUSSION:

The 48th Avenue NW Phase 2 Project located from Rock Creek Road to Tecumseh Road is approximately one (1) mile in length. The design of this project will reconstruct the existing 2-lane segment of 48th Avenue NW and add exclusive left-turn lanes at intersections with curb and gutter and a new storm sewer system. The roadway typical section will include an off-street 10-foot-wide hike/bike path on one side of the street. A portion of this project is located within a floodplain so special grading and storm drainage designs will be required to not add additional fill in the floodplain.

Cowan Group Engineering was selected from the pool of on-call consultants based on firm capability, project workload, and past performance on the adjacent 48th Avenue NW Phase 1 2019 Bond Project.

The Scope of Services includes:

- Detailed Topographic Survey
- Geotechnical Testing
- Design Analysis
- Storm Sewer Design
- Floodplain permit
- Design Plan submittals at 30%, 60%, 90% and Final Plan stages
- Public Meetings and Stakeholder Involvement
- Preparing Right-of-Way Acquisition Documents
- Construction Support and Record Drawings

Utility Relocation Plans will be handled by separate contract or contract amendment if water and/or sanitary sewer relocations are necessary.

The construction opinion of probable cost is approximately \$5,700,000 with construction planned in fiscal year 2029 if federal funds are secured. The construction date may change due to project ranking and availability of federal funds.

Funding for these design services in the amount of \$503,750 will come from the 48th Avenue NW Phase 2 Project – Rock Creek Road to Tecumseh Road (Project No. BP0431, Design Account No. 50594019-46201).

If approved, Cowan Group Engineering will begin work immediately on this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Contract K-2627-45, between the City of Norman and Cowan Group Engineering, L.L.C., for design engineering of the 48th Avenue NW Phase 2 Project – Rock Creek Road to Tecumseh Road in the amount of \$503,750.